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## VESSEL THEN TOOK FIRE

American Liner Haverford From Phil-  
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Today.

Liverpool, June 14.—The American liner steamer Haverford from Philadelphia arrived today and docked this morning. While stevedores were unfastening the hatches at eight o'clock an explosion occurred, followed by a fire in the hold of the vessel. Men were thrown in all directions and one man was blown to atoms. The deck presented a ghastly appearance.

The latest reports from the vessel are that six persons were killed and forty others injured. The explosion was so violent that bulkheads and part of the deck of the vessel were blown out. One stevedore was blown from the hold and several others were terribly burned. It is believed that the explosion was due to spontaneous combustion.

The sixth victim died on the way to the hospital. Thirteen of the crew were removed to hospitals and several are reported in quite a serious condition. The fire burned for two hours and a great deal of damage was done to the vessel and cargo.

GENERAL OBSERVANCE  
OF NATIONAL FLAG DAYStars and Stripes Floated All Over  
Washington and Patriotic Ad-  
dresses Were Given  
Today.

Washington, D. C., June 14.—Flag day, the anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes by the continental Congress in 1777, was observed here today with ceremonies rivaling those that mark Washington's birthday and the fourth of July. Every public building and thousands of homes had the American flag and in every school building appropriate exercises consisting of recitations and speeches were made.

## STATEHOOD AGREED TO.

Senate and House Accept the Conference  
Report on the Measure.

Washington, June 14.—The Senate adopted without division the conference report on the statehood bill at 6:30 o'clock last evening.

The report was debated by Senators Foraker, Bailey, Patterson, Money, Dubois, Morgan, Stone, McCumber and others. Several Democratic senators intimated that the consolidation of Oklahoma and Indian territory would insure to the advantage of the Republican party, and Mr. Money declared that such was the intent, and charged further that the legislation is being influenced by sectionalism.

**Cheers in the House.**

There was a round of applause from both sides of the chamber when Mr. Hamilton of Michigan reported to the House yesterday that the conference on statehood had reached an agreement and asked that it be printed in the record.

## NEW \$75,000 CHURCH.

Middlebury Structure, Gift of Col. Halsey, Dedicated.

Middlebury, June 14.—The dedication of the \$75,000 church building which Col. S. A. Halsey gave the Baptist society, took place last evening. The exercises included an organ recital by W. Lynwood Farnum of Montreal, and a sermon by the Rev. R. S. MacArthur of New York. Col. Halsey presented the keys to Deacon B. S. Benedict, and a prayer of dedication was offered by the Rev. S. H. Hildreth of Maine.

The church is built of Brandon marble and is of Romanesque style.

## SENTENCED TO BE SHOT.

Three University Professors for Participating in Revolution.

Vienna, June 14.—A Warsaw despatch says that a court-martial has condemned the university professors Erievan, Radetskian, and Witowski, to be shot for treason, for the part they took in leading a movement for Polish independence. The sentence has greatly excited the students.

## EVADING CUSTOM LAW.

Canadian Arrested in Burlington, on Charge of Smuggling.

Burlington, June 14.—Charged with smuggling wool and sheep pelts into this country from Canada, Ray Conno of Sutton, P. Q., was arrested last night at Randolph by Deputy United States Marshal Thomas Reeves. He was arraigned before the United States commissioner here and will be given a hearing later.

## PRESIDENT'S UNCLE DEAD.

Robert B. Roosevelt, Who Was a Staunch Democrat.

TO TEST LIQUOR LAW  
IN SUPREME COURTBarber in Stove Sent Orders to Licensee  
in Morrisville and Then Delivered  
It to Customers.

Stowe, June 14.—The case of State vs. E. S. Boardman of this town, charged with furnishing liquor, was brought before Lamont county court yesterday and sent to the supreme court for a ruling without a trial in the lower court. This case is in the nature of a test case of the present liquor law. It is alleged that Mr. Boardman, who conducts a barber shop and a lunch business here, is in the habit of taking orders for beer and other intoxicating liquors and telephoning his order to the saloon in Morrisville, which holds a second class license. The saloonkeeper fills the order and ships the liquor to Mr. Boardman in Stowe, who delivers it to the customers and collects the pay for the same and forwards it to the saloon in Morrisville.

The question to be decided is whether or not this is selling and on the decision will rest the matter of a licensed liquor seller sending his goods to any part of the State.

## HASKINS WITH PACKERS.

Votes for Substitute Measure in Place of  
Beveridge Rider for Meat Inspection.

Washington, D. C., June 14.—The packers have carried the day with the House agricultural committee. By a vote of 9 to 7 last evening the committee refused to accept the Beveridge rider, and adopted a substitute of its own. It puts the cost of inspection on the government, forbids the use of preservatives that are unwholesome, and provides that none of the inspectors who the committee authorized, by appropriating \$2,000,000 additional for inspecting, shall be appointed from the civil service for one year. The date of inspection is also to be left off the cans, as the packers desired.

The entire action is regarded as a slap at the President. Chairman Wadsworth and Representative Louder, who have led in the opposition to the President's plans from the start, had their own way during the voting on the vital question, and when it was over Mr. Lorimer said the result was entirely satisfactory to him. He added that the new plan would ensure the most careful inspection of meats from the hoof to the can, and also of all fresh meat.

The nine who supported the substitute were Wadsworth, Scott, Haskins, Lorimer, Brooks, Adams and Cooks, Republicans, and Lever and Trimble, Democrats. Lefranc, Republican and Field, Democrat, were absent, but authorized that their votes be counted against the Beveridge rider.

The committee report is not certain of success in the House. The President may take a hand further and forward more information to Congress.

PREDICTED EARLY TRI-  
UMPH FOR DEMOCRATSWilliam Jennings Bryan, Dined in St.  
Petersburg, Is Reported to Have  
Made That Forecast.

St. Petersburg, June 14.—William Jennings Bryan dined last night with Prof. Minkoff, leader of the Constitutional Democrats, in discussing American politics at the dinner Bryan, is reported to have said that he believed that an early triumph for the Democrats is certain.

## TO SAVE CAMPION.

Little Manchester, N. H., Had Lost His  
Life Also.

Manchester, N. H., June 14.—A double drowning occurred shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the mouth of the Squig river, West Manchester, the boys being Robert Bitterlich, aged 11 years, and Harold Hecker, aged 10 years.

Both boys were in swimming at the time the fatality occurred, and the body of young Hecker was found a little before 6 o'clock near where he was seen to go down.

The boys, in company with Walter Rabe, aged 12 years, had gone down to this favorite swimming hole, where many congregated for the sport in the summer months. The three boys had been swimming about in the large basin of the mouth of the Squig river and young Hecker started to swim out a short distance into the Merrimack. Bitterlich and Rabe followed along closely. The former threw up his hands and uttered a cry as if suffering from cramps.

Hecker was a good swimmer and he proceeded to lend assistance to young Bitterlich. The depth of the water at this point in the river is perhaps about five feet, and young Hecker was making a brave attempt to save his companion's life. Bitterlich struggled frantically, and while Hecker was trying to save him, Rabe was also aiding as much as he could.

Both Hecker and Bitterlich were seen to sink together. Rabe was in an exhausted condition, and called for help.

## DENIES THE CHARGE.

Prominent Waltham, Mass., Physician  
Arrested for Assault.

Waltham, Mass., June 14.—Dr. Nicholas W. Cousens was arrested last evening by Inspector W. P. McKenna on a charge of felonious assault upon Margaret O. Murphy, 15. The alleged assault took place at the physician's office on Crescent street Tuesday afternoon.

The girl, according to the police, was sent to the office of the physician to request him to visit a member of her family. She says that Dr. Cousens took her into his office and assaulted her. When she went home she told her mother what had taken place, and the latter at once went to Rev. Timothy Brosnahan, who advised her to have another physician examine the child.

Dr. Cousens of this city and Dr. Baker of Newton accordingly made an examination and the police were informed of their conclusions.

Last evening Judge Luce issued a complaint against Dr. Cousens, with the result of his arrest. Dr. Cousens denies the charge.

YOUNG MAN  
WAS INNOCENTDeclares Preacher at Tuck-  
er's Funeral

## WHICH WAS HELD TODAY

Said that Consciousness of It Came to  
Him When He Talked With the  
Boy in Prison—Burial in  
Worcester.

Auburn, Mass., June 14.—The funeral of Charles L. Tucker, who was recently executed for the murder of Mabel Page of Weston, occurred at the home of his parents this morning. The Rev. William C. Winslow officiating. Numerous relatives and friends were present. During the course of his address the Rev. Mr. Winslow reiterated his belief in the innocence of the dead boy and said that consciousness of innocence had come to him as he talked to the deceased in person. At the conclusion of the services the body was taken to Worcester for interment.

A continuous, silent procession of visitors filed into the home yesterday afternoon and until late in the evening. Among the callers were strangers to the Tucker family. Many of the strangers brought floral tokens, which were placed in the little parlor beside the body of Charles Louis Tucker.

Most of the visitors who came to offer consolation to the family were met by Walter Tucker, the son. A few Mrs. Tucker, the mother, met personally. Not one visitor was turned away, and everyone was asked into the dimly-lighted parlor to see the body, which lies in a simple open casket of black walnut. A few white roses rest upon the breast.

A great many people who have been unable because of distance to offer personal consolation to the family have sent letters. Mrs. Tucker says that up to the afternoon she had received probably more than 2,000 such letters from all over New England.

**UNDERHILL MAN KILLED HIMSELF**

Sent Bullet from Revolver Through His Temple—Was Man of Means.

Jericho, June 14.—James Hanley shot himself fatally about 11 o'clock yesterday morning on his son's farm in the northeastern part of Essex in the hamlet known locally as Shackhorn.

Mr. Hanley was considerably past 60 years of age. He had for a long time resided on his place at Underhill Flats next to the Underhill house. A few days ago he sold his property and went to reside temporarily with his son Hiram in Shackhorn. It was not supposed he was at all demoralized but he has been acting somewhat strangely lately. Yesterday at the hour above stated, his son heard a shot fired back of the barn. He went out and found his father lying dead with a bullet through his temple. The deed had been done with a revolver.

Mr. Hanley's wife died several years ago. He leaves a son Hiram in Essex, a son Myrtle and daughter, Mrs. Prior both of Jericho, a son Ray and daughter, Mrs. Lewis Atherton both of Derby. He was a man of means and was well known in this section.

## AN APPEAL BY CLEMENT.

Slender Case to Be Taken to United  
States Circuit Court.

Burlington, June 13.—The case S. D. Wilson vs. P. W. Clement, \$25,000 damages suit in which plaintiff in United States district court was awarded \$1,000 will be taken to the higher court. Max L. Powell, attorney for the plaintiff, received yesterday a copy of the defendant's exceptions, which are to contain portions of evidence and certain parts of the charge of Judge H. H. Wheeler.

There will be a hearing soon in the United States circuit court at New York.

## AUTOMOBILIST HELD UP.

For Going Thorough Cabot at Too Fast  
a Pace.

Cabot, June 13.—Two young men from New York city, G. E. Franquist, with Smith & Mabley manufacturing company, 614 East Eighty-third street, and D. E. Baldwin of the Art machine company, Brooklyn, who are taking their vacation and touring in a forty-five horse power touring car, through the New England states, came from Boston Woods, N. H., at the foot of Mt. Washington to Montpelier. When they passed through Cabot at a quite lively clip they frightened a team belonging to John Livingston and disturbed the peace of quite a number of pedestrians. Word was at once telephoned Constable Pike of Marshfield to stop the machine, hold the drivers, etc., until some action could be taken. Constable Pike held the men an hour or more for Cabot parties, telephoning here and there for counsel, at their wish, then advised the men to return to Cabot and settle the matter up, which they did.

Papers were made out by Justice of the Peace W. B. Lancer. The arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff L. C. Lancer and the men paid costs of \$4.51.

The young men were happy and jolly yesterday, having repaired minor parts of their car, and reported an excellent entertainment at the Winoski hotel and also stated that everybody in Cabot came to see them except the man who made the complaint. There is no doubt that the parties exceeded the speed limit, but why not raise a fine for the state and not put in one's own pocket costs only?

## W. J. BIGELOW, CHAIRMAN.

Will Preside at Opening of Republican  
State Convention.

Middlebury, June 14.—Thad M. Chapman, chairman of the republican state committee, announced last evening that the committee has selected W. J. Bigelow of Burlington as temporary chairman of the republican state convention at Montpelier, Wednesday, June 20, and the Hon. James L. Martin of Brattleboro as chairman of the committee on resolutions.

OTTAWA BALL TEAM  
WITH DORMAN CAPTAINOne Catcher and an Infielder Are Lack-  
ing—Manager Daley Has Four  
Pitchers on His  
List.

Ottawa, Ont., June 14.—Manager Daley of the Ottawa Northern league club has signed the following men up-to-date:

Pitchers—C. V. Sifton, Frank Smith, Roy Sheldon and another whose name is withheld, but whom Daley pronounces a "good one."

First base—Earl P. Holt.

Third base—Dorman, captain, who may play short stop.

Left field—C. B. Day.

Center field—Frank Shugnessy.

Right field—One of the infielders. This leaves a catcher and pitcher to be signed.

## BAPTISTS IN RANDOLPH.

The 99th Annual Meeting of the Central  
Vermont Association in Session.

Randolph, June 14.—The 99th anniversary exercises of the Vermont central association of Baptist churches opened with the first Baptist church of Randolph, the Rev. Samuel Knowles, pastor, yesterday. After the opening business of the convention yesterday morning the annual sermon was preached by the Rev. A. N. Woodruff of East Barre. In the afternoon at 1:45, a devotional service was conducted by L. Hofer of Sharon. This service was followed by introduction of new ministers by the Rev. W. A. Davison of Burlington; "Home Missions," the Rev. A. Gilbert of Passumpsic; "State Missions—the Church's Business," the Rev. W. A. Davison; "Co-Workers with God," the Rev. H. A. Calhoun of Groton; "Vomens Hour," W. B. F. M. S.; Mrs. W. B. Hopkins of India; "W. B. H. M. S.," Mrs. G. W. Peckham of Boston.

Last evening at 7:30 the Rev. C. H. Spaulding, D. D., of Boston had charge of the devotional service and two addresses were given. The Young Christian and His Bible; the Rev. H. A. Roberts of Montpelier; "The Sunday School, Why Have Sunday Schools?" the Rev. W. A. Kinzie of Barre.

C. A. CALDERWOOD  
ELECTED GRAND MASTEROf the Grand Lodge of Vermont Masons  
—The Royal Arch Masons Will  
Have Their Day To-  
morrow.

Burlington, June 14.—The closing session of the grand lodge of Masons was held today at which C. A. Calderwood of St. Johnsbury was elected grand master, H. H. Ross of Burlington, grand secretary and C. W. Whitcomb of Proctorsville, grand treasurer. They were installed this afternoon. The high priest hood meets tonight and the Royal Arch Masons tomorrow. This will complete the series of meetings.

Last evening there was a meeting of the Masonic veterans' association and an exemplification of the Royal Arch degree by the Burlington chapter, R. A. M.

Officers were installed as follows: Isaac D. Bailey, Brattleboro, venerable chief; W. F. Clement, \$25,000 damages suit in which plaintiff in United States district court was awarded \$1,000 will be taken to the higher court. Max L. Powell, attorney for the plaintiff, received yesterday a copy of the defendant's exceptions, which are to contain portions of evidence and certain parts of the charge of Judge H. H. Wheeler.

NO POISON FOUND  
IN HULLED CORNCause of Recent Sickness Is Now Laid  
to Putting of Corn Under Cover  
After Being Poured Over  
Ice.

A partial report from the state laboratory at Burlington on the hulled corn which caused so much illness in Barre ten days ago eliminates any question of poison having been placed in the corn. No cause for the illness is therefore advanced except in the treatment of the corn. It is now thought that the pouring of the corn over ice and the placing of it under cover immediately may have caused the forming of gases of some sort. State's Attorney Jackson states otherwise the methods of O. B. Fiddie, the dealer in the corn, were hygienic and cleanly. A more extended report may be received later. Although 100 persons were made sick, there were no fatal terminations of the illness.

## FUNERAL OF JOHN TIMMONS.

Was Held Yesterday Morning From St.  
Monica's Church.

The funeral of the late John Timmons was held at 10 o'clock yesterday morning from St. Monica's church, Rev. P. M. McKenna officiating. The services were well attended and there were many very beautiful floral tributes. The pall bearers were James Timmons, James Murphy, Richard Gilson, Merton Mason, Samuel Jones and Homer Fuller. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery. The following is the list of flowers: Willow of roses and carnations, the family; Mrs. J. A. Sherburne, bouquet; Mrs. O. S. Cutler and Mrs. E. E. Fuller, carnations; Mr. and Mrs. M. Mason, carnations; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Jones, wreath of ivy and roses; carnations, ladies; and Pastor's union of M. E. church, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Corbick, George Howland, P. Labelle, Walter Emery, corsages of roses and carnations by James Condit, James Besside, Mark Besside, William Robertson, Frank McQuade, William E. Robertson, Philip Ellis, Roy Danforth, Harley Jackson, Patrick Murphy, Richard Attridge, Mark Blanchard.

## DEATH OF MATTHEW HALE.

Who Learned Printer's Trade in Montpe-  
lier Office.

Matthew Hale, a former Montpelier man, who learned the trade of printer in the Vermont Watchman office, died last night in Boston from the shock of an operation for appendicitis. He was born in Weymouth, Feb. 14, 1837, where he obtained his education in the public schools. Soon after going to the Boston Globe he became news editor, work which he was engaged in at the time of his death. He leaves a widow and two daughters.

## NEW GRANITE COMPANY.

Barre Medium Co. at Capitalization of  
\$50,000 Formed.

Another granite company has been formed in Barre and incorporated under laws of the Barre Medium Granite company with a capitalization of \$50,000. The subscribers are Joseph O. Adams, Fred H. Andrews, Ernest A. Brown, Albert A. Sargent and A. M. Marion, all of this city. The purpose of the company is to quarry, manufacture and sell granite and for the purpose of buying quarries.

## WILL BE TRIED.

Earl Williams of Montpelier, Who Ran  
Over Morrisville Girl.

The Lamotte county grand jury found a bill against Earl Williams of Montpelier, who ran over the little child recently at Morrisville with his automobile. E. L. Laird of Montpelier is attorney for Williams. This case has been continued until the December term.

The Guild of the Church of the Good Shepherd and the entertainment committee will meet in the church this evening at 7:15. A full attendance is requested.

A public dance will be held at Miles' hall Friday night. Gilbertson's orchestra, including drums, will furnish music.

WEEPING BRIDE  
LEFT BEHINDWhen Levi Sun Was Arrested  
Yesterday

## ON CHARGE OF LARCENY

He Is Charged With Entering and Rob-  
bing Neill House in South Fayston  
—Is Now in Washington  
County Jail.

Montpelier, June 14.—As the result of investigations by State's Attorney Jackson and Sheriff Tracy, Levi Sun was placed in the county jail yesterday afternoon on the charge of breaking, entering and robbing the Neill house in South Fayston, having been arrested in Warren. Sun was on his honeymoon trip and was compelled to leave a weeping bride behind when he accompanied the officer to Montpelier. A part of the goods taken from the Neill house were found in Sun's room near the Fayston mill.

The break took place sometime Tuesday night, and the value of the articles will not exceed ten dollars, probably. There was a clock, books, combs and small articles of furniture. It is also claimed that Sun borrowed a team Wednesday and that when he did not return it there was considerable apprehension over it. However, it is said that he did not intend to steal the team.

## GRADUATING PROGRAMME.

Thirteenth Annual Commencement of  
Spaulding High Friday Evening.

The thirteenth annual commencement exercises of the Spaulding high school will be held in the opera house tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. The graduating programme will be as follows:

Prayer.

Essay—The Saxon Element in English Literature.

Agnes Marr (second honor).

Essay—The Value of Education.

Jennie Marr (highest rank in commercial department).

Vocal Solo—"Life's Lullaby," Lane Bessie Evelyn Jones.

Address—Consciousness of Power.

Prof. Herbert D. Foster, professor of history, Dartmouth college.

Quartette—"From a Bygone Day."

Misses Jones and Scott.

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School Hymn—"Lead, Kindly Light."

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## Hydrant Test Successful.

The test of the new water system and the new engine and hose which was made by Fire Chief W. T. Kerr and Assistant Alex. Eddy was a great surprise to everyone present. The test was made on the square and was witnessed by a very large crowd. There were placed five streams on one branch six-inch pipe, all being thrown completely over the highest blocks on the square. One stream was thrown over 50 feet over the top of the steeple of the Universalist church, and a one-inch stream was thrown over three hundred feet. The test given was a severe one, and every thing proved highly satisfactory to Chief Kerr and his assistants.

COMMENCEMENT BALL  
WAS GREAT SUCCESSMiles' Hall Was Crowded With Dancers  
Last Night, While There Were  
Many Spectators.

At Miles' hall was held last evening the annual commencement ball of the Spaulding high school and it was a success in every way. There were nearly seventy couples of dancers on the floor and a great number of spectators remained after the concert to watch the dancers. Gilbertson's orchestra rendered the following programme shortly after eight o'clock:

Overture—Norma.

Belini Lydell—Smiles and Carresses.

Bendix Song for Charles—W. W. Bright.

W. E. Dufur.

Dance des Sultanes—B. Polak-Daniels.

Nylophone Solo—selected D. W. Edson.

Then came the grand march led by James Carswell of the graduating class with Miss Una Averill. The dance order consisted of sixteen numbers but encores to nearly all the numbers were demanded. Gilbertson furnished excellent music for the dancing.

This afternoon the class of 1906 is holding its class day exercises in the opera house, and this evening the alumni association gives the annual banquet, to be served this year at the Congregational church parlors. The exercises of graduating will be held at the opera house Friday evening, and the week's programme will close with a reception at the Spaulding building Saturday evening.

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LOOKING OVER  
THE GROUNDPercival W. Clement Was In  
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## SPEAKS OF THE PROSPECTS

Expects to Get Considerable "The La-  
bor Vote Against Proctor"—Gives  
He's Not Urging Democrats  
to Fuse.

Percival W. Clement, who came out for the governorship of Vermont again, came up from Rutland this morning to get the lay of the political land in Washington county. He was accompanied by his chief political worker, H. L. Hindley, and the two spent almost the entire day receiving calls from members of the former Clement party from Democrats and from representatives of the labor union. Mr. Clement declared that he didn't come to see the Democrats particularly, that he was allowing them to do as they wanted to. He left town this afternoon with the impression that he was pretty sure to carry Barre if there should be a fusion movement with the Democrats, and perhaps away.

As to the probability of fusion, Mr. Clement was inclined to be non-committal. He declared that he had not been approaching Democrats with the idea of political marriage, and that what information he had as to their wishes he got largely from the press, although he had received communications from some of "Vermont's untiered." The question will not be popped until June 28, when the conventions of the two parties will be held in Burlington. On certain conditions an alliance will be formed.

When asked his opinion on the probable outcome at the polls next fall, in case the fusion idea should go through, Mr. Clement wouldn't give a definite answer. He did admit, however, that he counted on carrying many of the larger places if he was made the candidate for governor, particularly those places where the union labor idea was quite fully developed.

"Not that I am posing as a labor candidate by any means," he said, with a laugh. "I did not fully satisfy with my answers to the labor questions, but I am in favor of many things which they advocate. I differ as to the means for getting them. For instance, I am in favor of weekly payments, but I think the change should be gained individually rather than by legislative action. There are other matters on which the labor men and I agree, although there may be a difference of opinion as to the method of getting them."

"But the thing which is of the more consequence is the matter of state administration. If the Republican party has been squandering the state's money, then we want to know it."

"Have you any reason to believe that the state money is being squandered, according to your search of the vouchers?" was asked.

"Well, you see I have been trying for two years to get a glimpse of the state vouchers and have just been enabled to do so so that I can't make any statement as to them. I will take a long while to go all over them. There is one thing, however. A business of \$500,000 is done at the house of correction, and not a pencil of a Vermont auditor touches the bills. There's graft there, just as dead sure as the world."

In his conversation with various Barre parties Mr. Clement said that they were not so favorable to him as they were opposed to Proctor, who will be the Republican nominee. It is on this that he is banking for a great part of his support here. He found that various Barre men who worked for him four years ago, while perhaps they would cast their votes for him again, were not prepared to take off their coats and work, as it will be necessary to do this summer. In other words, they were lukewarm.

The opposition to fusion among some of the Montpelier Democrats has either been dissipated entirely, or else they have agreed to enter no opposition to the movement.

Mr. Clement appears hale and hearty and serious-looking as usual. He came to Barre as a sort of special trip, as this is really the hatching-place of the fusion idea this year. Thus far he has left the campaign largely to his able manager, Mr. Hindley, but hereafter will participate more actively. However, the real work of his campaign will not begin until after the Independent convention in Burlington, June 25. Then a red-hot time is expected.

FIRE DEPARTMENT WATCHED A SPUTTERING  
CHIMNEY TODAY.

The fire department got their first call in three weeks this morning at 7:30 when Mitchell David's chimney on Granite street got to sputtering and smoking so violently that the presence of a few firemen was thought advisable. One dry chemical settled the difficulty and no damage was done.

To keep their hand in the book and ladder truck had a practice meeting of Prospect street last night, and all the firemen in the company turned out and clambered over the Clark store house to show what they could do in the case of necessity. The department also tried out the new hose which was purchased for the street department and which looked so good that he was considered a fire horse material. The firemen say that the animal goes like the wind, and he may be shifted over to the fire department and one of the latter's be given the street department.

Last night the hook and ladder company elected their captain, Ed. Tobin, to represent them at the street firemen's tournament which will be held in Burlington June 25. The other companies will probably elect their representatives soon.